

PASSED FIVE HOURS

Senate Rushes the District Bill
Through in a Hurry.

FOUR NEW FIRE ENGINES

An Amendment to Purchase Them
Met With No Objection—Mr. Gor-
man's Move for the Betterment of
the Police and Fire Relief Fund.
Anastasia Island Knocked Out.The Senate broke the record yesterday
and passed the District appropriation bill
in five hours.Some important matters were disposed of.
The amendment to the bill prepared by
the District Commissioners giving them
the right to erect telephone poles in the
fire limits, and against which the Colum-
bia Heights Citizens' Association was
fighting, was knocked out on a point of
order.The lessons of the fire of Monday night
were quickly learned. The Appropriations
Committee had made provision for two
new fire engines and the Senate increased
that number to four, appropriating the
necessary money to erect and furnish the
buildings. An amendment was also adopted
providing that a sufficient amount should
be taken from the fire relief fund to meet
all deficiencies in the police and fire
men's relief fund.The amendment to purchase Anastasia
Island for \$12,500 as a future site for the
continguous hospital was defeated after a
warm debate. Politicians in the District
were also remembered in an amendment
granting them thirty days' leave with
pay each year.The charity schedule was passed as
amended by the Senate after a debate
of an hour. The schedule passed with
but a minor change, and the amend-
ment dedicating the Potomac Flats to the
District as "Riverside Park" met with no
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OTHER AMENDMENTS.

Among the amendments offered by
Senators were:
By Mr. Stewart, to gravel Twentieth
street extended, \$2,500; to extend Con-
necticut avenue beyond Rock Creek \$10,
000; and to macadamize Broad Branch
road, \$5,000.By Mr. Harris, for the paving of Eight-
teenth street extended and Cincinnati
street, \$10,000.By Mr. Allison, providing for the ex-
tension of Leroy Place to the District
line, and changing the appropriation for
the same.

SAY THE WILL IS GENUINE

Many Witnesses Swear to Judge
Holt's Handwriting.

POSITIVE OF THE SIGNATURE

Miss Throckmorton and Miss Hynes,
Both Familiar With the Late Judge
Advocate's Handwriting, Pro-
nounce the Testament Genuine—
Maj. Throckmorton's Court-Martial.Much of the evidence submitted yester-
day in the Holt will case was for the
purpose of establishing the fact that
Judge Holt did write and sign the mys-
terious document. When court adjourned
last night, the testimony of the witnesses
for the advocates, said that his side will
probably finish their evidence by noon to-
day.The continuation of the cross-examina-
tion of Executor Luke Devlin occupied
the early morning hours. Miss Josephine
Holt Throckmorton, one of the benefi-
ciaries under the alleged will, succeeded
him on the stand, and was closely fol-
lowed by Miss Lizzie Hynes, the other
claimant by the will.Mrs. Mary McConrath of Kentucky, a
relative of Judge Holt, was very familiar
with the testator through a long-con-
tinued correspondence with him, and she
fully identified the handwriting in the
paper as that of the late judge advocate.

RULED OUT THE QUARREL.

Another witness asked to prove the
genuineness of the handwriting was Mrs.
Fannie Throckmorton, mother of Miss
Throckmorton. She, too, had received
letters from Judge Holt. The last letter
was received about 1881, witness said,
though she had written the testator a
letter or two since that time. They were
both written in 1882, and neither was
admitted.The witness proceeded to explain why
the letters were not admitted, but Judge
Wilson stopped her. Mr. Darlington ob-
jected to further questions, saying the
witness had been called upon merely to
prove handwriting. He knew that the
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BETTER THAN NO SEAT AT ALL.



LIKE A DEATH SENTENCE

Transvaal Reform Committee
Prisoners Get Fifteen Years.Executive Council Decides Upon the
Term—Surprise in
London.London, May 19.—The Times will tomor-
row publish a dispatch from Pretoria
saying that the executive council of the
Transvaal has decided that Col. Francis
Rhodes, brother of Cecil Rhodes, Leonard
Phillips, George Farrar and John Hays
Hammond, the leaders of the Johannesburg
reform committee, who were sentenced to
death for high treason against the Transvaal
government, but whose sentences were subse-
quently commuted, shall undergo fifteen years'imprisonment.It is generally hoped that this sentence will
be modified. No decision has yet been
reached in regard to the other prisoners.The dispatch does not contain the word
"imprisonment," but the Times assumes that
the sentence does not mean banishment,
because of the expression of hope
that it will be mitigated. It says that
the sentence is of such a nature as to
be almost as painful as the sentence of
death. It adds that fifteen years in the
Pretoria jail for malefactors is almost
equivalent to death.If the prisoners were banished there
would be no reason to object, but the de-
cision of the council will tend to aggravate
the difficulty.The situation is calculated to obstruct
the appeasement of excited feelings. The
Times adds that it cannot believe that it
is the intention of President Kruger and
the council to persist in enforcing the
decision unless they have reasons for
pursuing a policy which does not make
for peace.

FIRST CONFEDERATE FLAG.

Mississippians Recover an Early Em-
blem of the Civil War.Jackson, Miss., May 19.—Capt. J. C.
Rieth has received from New York what
is perhaps the first Confederate flag made
in Mississippi.It was presented to the First Mississippi
Rifles by the ladies of Jackson on the eve
of the flag's departure for the front. The
flag is said to be of the original design
of New York and the flag here for identifi-
cation, saying he purchased it from one
James Scott of Dalton, Ga.As Scott's name is not on the old com-
pany roster survivors of the First Missis-
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SILVER TO BE IN CONTROL.

Illinois Democratic Committeeman
Figures on the Delegates.Chicago, Ill., May 19.—Secretary Nelson,
of the State committee, in the afternoon
today in which he claimed that if
Kentucky goes for silver, the national
convention will be controlled by that
fact.He declared that the fight for silver
was practically won in Illinois, 304 dele-
gates being instructed for silver and
Silver, said today, below the surface,
showing it was warm service. It was stolen
from Jackson about the middle of the
war and never heard of until today.The prospect is there will be a long
and bitter struggle.

SHARP FIGHTING IN CUBA.

Col. Garrido Encounters Insurgents
Near Canoa and Defeats Them.Havana, May 19.—A column of troops
under command of Col. Garrido, while
marching from Guantánamo in the direc-
tion of Sagua de Tanimbo, to prevent the
rebels from protecting the landing of a
flourishing expedition, which was ex-
pected to arrive shortly, met near Canoa
a strong insurgent force occupying a for-
midable position.The troops fiercely attacked the rebels
and dislodged them from their position.
The rebels lost a number of men and
eighteen of the troops were seriously
and twelve slightly wounded.

BAYARD ON THE ARBITRATION MOVEMENT.

London, May 19.—At a meeting of the
Peace Society, held tonight for the pur-
pose of promoting Anglo-American arbi-
tration, the secretary read a letter from
Ambassador Bayard, in which he said that
he would gladly and gratefully aid the
cause, but he felt that the voice of each
country should first be distinctly and
voluntarily heard.

Fisherman Drowned at Pensacola.

Pensacola, Fla., May 19.—John Clark, a
fisherman, aged fifty-seven years, was
killed today by the small steamer Collins
near the Pensacola navy yard about 9
o'clock last night. Some think he jumped
overboard in a fit of delirium tremens.

DEATH LIST IS CLOSED

Hospital Officials Now Believe
Kettler Will Recover.

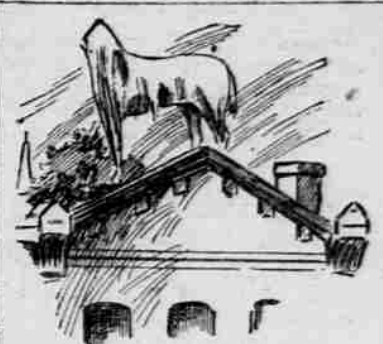
MANY BENEFITS PLANNED

Prompt and Numerous Offers of Aid
for the Bereaved Families Made.
Corrected Estimates of the Losses
and Insurance—Arrangements for
the Four Funerals Completed.It is now believed that the death list of
Monday night's fire is closed.The condition of the wounded firemen
was reported at Providence Hospital last
night to be much improved. Kettler,
whose injuries it was first thought would
prove fatal, was said to be much better.Toward midnight he fell asleep and rested
quietly until morning. He is much better
than at any time since he was brought
to the hospital and although not yet out of
danger there is every hope that he will
recover. The terrible experience of being
buried alive for four hours and the constant
fear of a terrible death by fire, were a great
shock to the brave fireman. He bore up
heroically while the flames raged around
him, but when relief came at last and the
strain was lessened, reaction set in and the
effects of the shock and nervous tension weakened
him.Donaldson, the other fireman at the
hospital, has improved rapidly under the
careful nursing of the physicians. He was
severely crushed and suffered considerable
pain from his burned hands and arms, but
is in no danger.At Providence the firemen have a private
room which is comforted and kept for their
use alone. For this reason they were taken
there rather than to Emergency Hospital
which was located much nearer the scene of
the fire.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Arrangements for the burial of the dead
firemen were made yesterday as far as
practicable.It is expected that the funerals, three
of which will take place tomorrow, will
be attended by large numbers of people not
only of the friends and acquaintances of the
deceased but of their neighbors generally.The body of Joseph Mulhall is now at
his late home at Fifth and I streets
southeast. The funeral services will be
held at St. Peter's Church tomorrow morn-
ing at 9 o'clock and will be conducted
by Father Sullivan.It was not decided last evening what
disposition would be made of the body of
Daniel Conway. The arrangements are
to be made by Sergeant Fitzgerald, his
brother-in-law. Mrs. Conway, the mother
of the deceased, telegraphed Mr. Fitz-
gerald last evening that she desired the
body to be taken to New York and that
it should be buried in the family vault.The body of Thomas A. Griffin was
removed yesterday afternoon from Gar-
field's undertaking establishment at 1734
Pennsylvania avenue northwest to his
late home at No. 921 Twenty-fifth street
northwest. The sad story of Griffin's
life was told yesterday in The Evening
Times.He had not recently been married.
The funeral services will be held at
St. Stephen's Church tomorrow morn-
ing at 9 o'clock and will be conducted by
Father Sullivan.The remains of George Giles were re-
moved yesterday to his home, 1742 Four-
teenth street northwest.The funeral will probably be at West
Street Presbyterian Church, of which he
was a member, the interment to be at Oak
Hill Cemetery. Mr. Giles was a member of
several lodges, which will make the ar-
rangements.The selection of the pallbearers will
probably be made today and in each case
there will be a number of the members of
their respective companies on the list.

AT THE BURNT SECTION.

The scene of the fire was visited by
thousands of people yesterday, notwith-
standing the immense crowd that saw it
last night. The section of the street
where the fire broke out was much closer in
the night of the fire so that people got a
much nearer view of the total destruction
in some of the places where the general black-
ness and charred condition of all the houses
touched by the flames.The police are still in charge and will
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opportunity to complete their estimates.
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only a few hours before dark when the
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ings, or actually had them under their
official control.There was a suggestion yesterday that
the Commissioners be asked to permit the
erection of tent barracks for the trans-
action of business till the repairs on the
block, but no petition had been made up
to last night.The inconvenience to the merchants will
not, however, be of long continuance, as
it was stated yesterday by the owners of
nearly all the houses, damaged or de-
stroyed, that they would begin at once
the operations of rebuilding.At present the scene is one of unutter-
able confusion. The sidewalks are littered
with damaged goods in such shape that it
is impossible to discover their real charac-
ter. At the Clark and Beunger places the
wreck appears to be complete. The inter-
ior ruins are sadly picturesque. There
was great curiosity about the place and
to see the places where the firemen were
killed.The most careful, and perhaps the most
accurate estimate of the losses is con-
tained in the report handed out by Lieut.
Amis by Officers Sears and Sprinkle at
precinct No. 1. The names of the owners
of the buildings, totally or partially de-
stroyed, and their occupants and nature

The Last of the Wooden Horse.

of their business, were given yesterday
in The Evening Times.The tabulation of the losses on stock
and buildings as shown by the police
report gives a total damage of \$177,500,
on which was a total insurance of \$101,
710. There are no reports in the cases
of the premises at 911-13 B street, but
it is believed that the return from these
places will run the damage up to \$200,
000.It will be noticed that there is a dis-
proportion between the insurance figures
and the estimated damages. A well-in-
formed insurance man said last night that
this was explained by the fact that the
insurance rate for these mercantile places
is very large, and that consequently the
owners of buildings and stocks prefer to
take a great share of the risks them-
selves.

THE LOSS AND INSURANCE.

The amount of insurance to be paid out
is the largest on the local companies for
many years for any one fire. It is be-
lieved that about sixty thousand dollars

Joseph F. Mulhall.

of the total is held by local companies,
and fifty thousand dollars by companies
represented here by agents. The follow-
ing is the report made to
Precinct No. 1, and it agrees with the
estimates made from other sources in
round numbers.

DAMAGE INSUR.		
E. J. Adams, 907-B	\$7,500	\$3,500
G. Taylor Wade, 911-B	No report	No report
W. H. Leckie, 912-B	2,100	1,300
John A. Davis, 317-B	1,700	1,400
J. G. Swain, 322-B	2,000	2,200
W. H. Leckie, 912-B	2,100	1,300
H. C. Cohn, 912-B	2,500	2,000
J. B. Crowley, 925-B	2,000	700
W. H. Leckie, 912-B	2,100	1,300
Premises 411-B	5,000	5,000
J. H. Semmes, 928-B	1,000	1,000
W. H. Leckie, 912-B	2,100	1,300
W. A. Clark & Co., 928-B	20,000	11,000
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F. G. Swain & Son, 330-B	15,000	5,000
W. H. Leckie, 912-B	2,100	1,300
Compton Bros., 331-B	6,000	2,000
G. O. Spiller, 331-B	3,000	None
S. H. Bennett, 331-B	3,000	None
Bazar	20,000	20,000
Value of stock	9,000	2,700
	\$177,500	\$101,710

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SYMPATHY FOR THE FAMILIES.

While the expression of sympathy for
the bereaved families of the firemen is
duty was general, there have been many
substantial tenders of service, first of which
was the subscription of The Times.Arrangements have been made and others
are making for a number of benefit per-
formances, among which may be noted the
following:Rev. Dr. Rodgers will on Tuesday night
next give his beautiful lecture on Ben Hur
at the Church of Our Father. The church
will be given free of charge, a number of
musicians have been volunteered, and the en-
tertainment will be, as usual, with the superb
illustrations.Mrs. F. D. Dyer tenders to The Times
her ball room, and will furnish the music
for a concert or whatever entertainment
may be given at the ball room. Her address
is 151 B street northwest.Miss Siddons, on behalf of all interested
in the performance, offers one-half of the
proceeds of the recital to be given on May
27 at Universal Church. The price of ad-
mission for this purpose has been reduced
from \$1 to fifty cents, those having pur-

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BOOMERANG FOR WYLER

Florida Cigarmakers Rendered
Idle Will Fight for Cuba.

LOSS IN TOBACCO CUSTOMS

Captain General's Order Prohibiting
Exportation of